

Briefing & Planning – Integrated Planning Cell

Meeting Minutes

RCMP Headquarters (73 Leikin Drive, Ottawa)

8 February 2022

Attendees:

Supt Carson PARDY, Ontario Provincial Police, NE Region
A/Supt Mike Francis, Ontario Provincial Police, East Region (Public Order)
Sgt Darwin TETREAULT RCMP
Brad Taylor Ontario Provincial Police, GHQ Emergency Management Unit
Insp Tim Skinner York Regional Police Service
Supt Craig Abrams, Ontario Provincial Police, East Region
A/Deputy Chief Trish FERGUSON - Ottawa Police Service (+ scribe)
Supt Phil LEU RCMP (+ scribe)
Chief Peter SLOLY
Shawn McKenna
Supt. Mark Patterson, Ottawa Police Service (Chief)

Meeting commence at **1737 hrs.**

Chief PARDY addressed Chief FERGUSON regarding meeting agenda to work with plan to meet. Roll call of attendees.

Advised we are here to do what we can to compliment your plan. Turning table over to A/D/C FERGUSON.

Review OPS Strategic Concept of Operations discussion. OPS Mark Patterson (IC) will discuss staffing and demands over next few days

- 7 point strategy include number approaches
 - o Negotiations – local issues / neighbourhoods being overrun, horn honking, addressing local behaviour
 - o 7 convoy captains in contact with team leads / integrated with OPP
 - o Influencers – not much conversation but interested in speaking with levels of governments to address their needs
- Surge & Contain

- Increase enforcement, affecting ability of OPS ability to police and public confidence. Presence goal, cop on every corner, start leveraging enforcement – incorporated city By law officers
- Started turning tide, officers are high visibility / presence
- Harassment/intimidation, providing support to victims
- Policing injunction – no honking (passed yesterday 10 day Order)
 - Working on wording
 - City Council looking at increased fine for
- Contain – hardening posture in red zone downtown core / in front of Parliament (see Roads and Bridges map)
 - Barricades being put up, reduced lanes, etc.
 - CSC provided additional barricades / by weekend hope to limit access to area
- Intelligence & Investigations
 - Ongoing criminal investigation (reactive)
 - Proactive (target people heavily with demonstration)
 - Enforcement – officers ticketing unlawful activity
 - Evidence Gathering – use alternative methods / data for evidence ie: cell phone photos, etc.
- Red Zone Reduction
 - Wellington core / Rideau Sussex main artery to get to hospitals and key areas (Rideau Centre closed because of issue)
 - “Jetform Park” (former name0 is the “base” – executed operation able to get 3200 litres / have seemed to bounce back (home schooling there, food, etc.)
 - Command Centres (former/retired/paramedics) working in those areas and sympathetic to the cause and familiar with police tactics
- 24/7 hr Cycles / Resource Reliability
 - All occurring at other areas is affecting Ottawa
 - Cancelled days off for people who needed days off – difficulties obtaining officers
 - As of tomorrow, negotiated with Police Association from 6 to 4 platoon (30 officers added to each platoon) CID members are out (affects regular policing / on hold)
 - In house training on hold (ie: use of force)
 - Seeking reliable resource / 12 hour shifts with week on/week off with people attending
- Success Factors
 - Police/Demonstrators/Public/Governments
- Plans with POU and Target that are fluid and contingency based

Supt. Mark PATTERSON

- Thank everyone for attending, assisting to where we are at right now at all levels. Happy to have partnering
- Operations Plan Phase 3 since Demonstrated started – 3 pillars
 - Maintenance / regular posture
 - 60 traffic sites to have resourced

- Police presence in red zone
 - Surge and capacity team around
- PLT (thank OPP with guidance with PLT)
 - Main PLT organizer met with facilitator regarding needs/wants –
 - Negotiations key
 - 16 resources to PLT team
 - Additional to POU teams – approx. 100 POU members today, tomorrow
 - 100 additional by Thursday
- Plans for Action Thursday morning – 130 members required for that operations
- Introduction Plan – flow of gasoline
- Command and Control Structure
 - Deviated from initial / more robust involving Service Command Centre, Area Command Centre, Investigations Branch Supt Dunlop, Intervention Branch, Operations Branch all reporting up to the Command team
- Intelligence
 - COT team and Plane closed members (not UC Capacity) developing strategic info, looking at lifestyle, associations, surveillance
- Analytical
 - Assisted by OPP
- CIB Posture based on this event
 - planning for what's happening Thursday / given arrests are made, feeney warrants, etc
- PLT
 - Vehicles/associated, no emergency lanes, positioned vehicles and blocked
 - Wellington blocked on Sir John A
 - Downtown Core / Rideau Sussex
 - Negotiations to try to move vehicles out of that area today – they will only move further West, will not help

Thursday Plan

- 3 to 4 POU Teams (arrest)
- Give those ability to leave area in trucks if they want (subject to further investigations)
 - May be women children in vehicles (CAS)
- Early morning
- 3 identified individuals (Quebec based group) with warrant can arrest now based on influence, profile, criminal activity
- Some are in trucks, hotels, etc.
- 38 trucks in Rideau area / only 1 demobilized
- Towing Plan Difficulty
 - Tow truck operators have been threatened (reluctant)
 - Heavy tow trucks / limited capacity
- Further processing on scene and have leave area / legal
- 2 “command centres in Ottawa” Hotel Rooms (warrants & arrest warrants to execute 487 search warrants)
- Can't do simultaneously but will short order

- Afterwards – reaction (demonstrators, etc.) will know later after warrant
- Less concern of other demonstrators getting involved with that
- Team working / boots on the ground – some may want to leave after this takes place
- POU will stage around arena to ensure others don't arrive
- Thursday afternoon (Fri, Sat, Sun) Superbowl weekend / PLT will be engaged with demonstrators tomorrow, using Social Media
- Putting Social Media messaging tonight, risks of staying / hard copy of same being disbursed
- Tomorrow 9 pm to vacate city (reason then so that blowing horns)
- PLT will advise organizers they have until 9 to vacate area and actions of 0600 on Thursday morning

PARDY Question – TOW

- Has anyone reached out to MTO and what capacity they may have to assist with plan development to mobilize people - waiting for update soon, heavy tows has been an issue. Tows are needed. Refreshing 1 demobilized which is a pick-up truck. Direct Action plan to Rideau / Sussex, do you have a broader plan in place, choke points, where you want people mobilized, etc? We can develop a plan looking to meeting those needs as they happen. Will take time to have Officers deployed here, is there a full plan brought together? Willing to provide all resources to assist with what's left over. MTO?

SKINNER Question – 400 trucks in downtown core, are we just looking in Ottawa, are we looking at surge from other intersections?

PATTERSON Answer – no intel currently, can't say that main organizers have reported this – concern they may set up at 417 (no intel to corroborate that)

ABRAMS Question – spoke with PLT today, spoke with organizers, facilitated meeting with counsellor. Has been told some want to move their vehicles now but told they can't. Any insight?

PLT Rob DRUMMOND Answer – presently communicating with PLT, will not allow moves tonight, will wait till tomorrow. Still negotiations now. Clearing intersection vs moving down road is an issue of discussion, do not want to burn bridges. Option is open, won't do vehicle movements at night, wouldn't be safe

If Rideau Sussex, vehicles moving West, will pass in front of Senate, where Senators cross to attend work. Not be able to sustain. Bridge there as well, infrastructure issue if sitting in that area.

Chief PARDY Question – Overall plan and response from Province, NCRCC and CP, is there willingness to arrange integrated Command Structure? Regarding planning perspective, whatever plan you have already could be shared so we could see where resources are needed. More than one location, what is overarching plan for the city, we will start to work to build and compliment that plan. Need to know objectives, mission for that location. Need to brief our people full knowledge, who, where, command, briefing cycle. People are most valuable asset, they need to be thoroughly briefed and expectations of officers on the ground.

Supt PATTERSON Answer - there is an overarching plan – unaware of #'s attending. Regarding: Command Structure – logistically difficult, can explore. Moving forward to Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun and posture after we do actions on Thursday, willing to share plans right now as we integrate and move forward.

Chief PARDY Question - Durham, York, OPP, all going to contribute to overall plan, discussions with Chiefs of Police, all need to know plan so they can articulate, logistics around deployment. We are ready to work, not able to proceed without a plan. Could be scaled day after day and assess the actual need.

A/Deputy Chief FERGUSON asked if Phase 3 OPS plan can be shared (send). Agreed by Supt PATTERSON to send.

Chief PARDY Question – need all of the 'asks' including resources, can be shared, Plans ongoing (PLT busy doing negotiations) unable to write plan. OPS plan was initially a special events plan, more as traffic, since then has evolved to phase 3 and updated daily. Would like any help that OPS are able to lend, Rob Drummond POU?

Chief PARDY Question – Is CID built into plan?

FERGUSON Answer - Yes, it is to sustain adequate policing in city, will provide you with that list.

Chief PARTY - Multi jurisdictional, process for managing the massive influx of information to teams, needs to be shared beforehand

Brad – MCM integrated model Sunday /

Taylor would like to see plan, concern on locally, nationally and Internationally, PLT

Needs to be Seniors table established, pulling POU from all over leaves us weak everywhere

PARDY – leaders available for strategic direction peace to run ground and be informed with real time intelligence

PARDY – ramping up for Toronto this weekend, 401 halt, Windsor, every opportunity to cut off supply in country.

TAYLOR – messaging needs to be they are hurting truckers more, send the messaging out

PARDY – requesting Phase 3 plan to start from, can build on past experience. Need to understand scope of ask, what used for. Knowledge as provincial and national issue.

Intelligence – at NCRCC Discussion

PARTY – had briefing by our intel Supt. / vulnerability with retired officers, etc., known by protestors

Insp Ken B – overseeing their intelligence

Tonight / tomorrow get up to date briefing from Pat, what is going on everywhere, obtain provincial picture – considering city of Ottawa and beyond.

Once obtain detailed, plan, ask, will have full team here tomorrow. We have mobilized provincial scheduling to see our capacity so that when we are ready (consider now) so when call goes out we are not waiting 48 hrs for them to arrive

PATTERSON sending phase 3 plan to all emails in group

FERGUSON - Today on ground officers – afternoon shift 1 p.m. 47 OPS, 30 OPP, 20 RCMP – in red zone

PARDY – what is capacity for regular calls for Service?

FERGUSON – CFS reserve staffing model 20% day shift held at home in reserve, 20% afternoon, 10% night shift – bringing them in dedicated to call

With shift collapsing from 6 to 4 (30 per platoon, will all be assigned)

Negotiated agreement with Police Association need 42 at any need (Cumberland to Arnprior)

Most platoons have 67 on paper (accommodated, Long term leave, not reflection)

Steadily 45 across city

Staffing officer to fill all posts identified, approximately 75 to do those posts and not additional surge

Overnight shift short – shortage of radios, doubled up with OPP officers

495 per day for the course of this demonstration

PARDY Question - Communication / Radios – bring our own OPS supply, what is your capacity?

Able to secure 1200 additional radios with RCMP, something they use regularly (Canada), may be tapped out with that. Will have to flip to RCMP with additional radios

PARDY Question - How many area Logistics team – will need Logistics team? Rooms?

FERGUSON - POU have been looking after their own teams (logistics)

Will obtain numbers from Logistics team / hard tac at hotel – not a lot of rooms in city / busy time tourism

McKENNA Question – what would you like to see from Peel to help with Planning portion.

Will require people to help acquire a plan – 19 going down tomorrow to help with static traffic points.

Will identify and send tomorrow.

PARDY – RCMP set up OPP at NOC, collaborating on plan for Ottawa and works for all agencies.

We are starting tomorrow morning.

ABRAMS OPS – operationally who would come here?

Mark – NOC embedded will talk to team / would be beneficial to us to make sure that we are not reading into it.

Discussion regarding injunction – Police Services Board, election year, politics impact

PARDY - OPP would like to develop a plan without politics, can't be a political response.

Very helpful overview, OPP PLT established from OPS. Communications need to be key, cannot operate in silos, INTEL critical, social media with POIB, media is not portraying what's happening on ground.

FERGUSON – prayer service every morning, many children. Increase of violence, swarms by crowds of 50 to 60 people. Starting to get dangerous.

6 trucks left today, many can't get out. If we can get towed and abandoned out of the way.

OPS Chief facing serious threats, has young family, dealing with various serious elements.

PARDY – We have Healthy Workplace team, offered to help out. Proven to be very beneficial. Operate separately from command.

Meeting Adjourned 1846 hrs

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